

TORRANCE POLICE DEPARTMENT

INTRA-DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

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SUBJECT: Pending Resolutions from the League of California Cities

Staff was asked to review the following pending Resolutions from the League of California Cities.

1. Fines and Forfeitures

Revenue from citations is shared between state, county, and city governments. Cities currently receive the smallest share of revenue from the citations they issue. Based on a sample audit, it costs the City of Glendora \$82 to issue and process an uncontested citation that returns only \$21 in revenue. A contested citation costs \$217 for the same \$21 in revenue. The City of Glendora is asking the State for a more equitable distribution of citation revenues, and for a process by which cities can audit those revenues to ensure they are receiving their fair share.

There would be a direct fiscal benefit to the City of Torrance if citation revenue were shared more equitably. However, it seems likely that the State would try to offset the lost revenue by taking other revenues from cities.

Staff recommends supporting this Resolution.

2. Internet Crimes Against Children

The League advocates a number of measures to: increase public education on the issue of internet crimes against children; strengthen laws against child pornography; and provide permanent, increased funding for the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force.

Staff recommends supporting this Resolution.

3. Emergency Management Mission for California Cities

This Resolution encourages cities to actively pursue emergency preparedness programs among residents, including family emergency planning, and food and water provisioning, to increase self-reliance and “disaster-resilient” cities. This Resolution does not seek new legislation or attempt to create new requirements for cities. Rather, it is more of a policy statement for the League.

Staff recommends supporting this Resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

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